

Docket-222

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20554

18 MAY 1993

IN REPLY REFER TO:
7330-7/1700A3

RECEIVED

MAY 19 1993

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Honorable Harris Wofford
United States Senator
Federal Square Station
Post Office Box 55
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17108

Dear Senator Wofford:

This is in reply to your letter of March 29, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of your constituent, George D. Burns, regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

Your constituent is specifically concerned about the impact of these changes on radio control (R/C) hobby users. Enclosed is a discussion paper concerning our proposals for the 72-76 MHz band. In short, we expect there would be no adverse impact on R/C operations because of any proposal contained in the Notice.

We are, of course, sensitive to the concerns of both users of private land mobile radio spectrum and R/C hobbyists. We will, therefore, take your constituent's concerns into account when we develop final rules in this proceeding. As indicated in the Notice, we remain convinced that without significant regulatory change in radio operations in the bands below 512 MHz, the quality of communications in the private land mobile radio services will continue to deteriorate to the point of endangering public safety and the national economy.

We want to thank you for your interest in this proceeding. Your constituent's letter will be included in the record of the proceeding. We expect final rules to be issued in 1994.

Sincerely,

/s/

Joseph A. Levin
Chief, Policy & Planning Branch
Private Radio Bureau

Enclosures

No. of Copies rec'd 2 copies
List A B C D E

Congressional

DUE CBC 5-21-93

PLEASE MAKE 2 EXTRA COPIES OF INCOMING, ATTACHMENTS,
AND REPLY FOR DOCKET FILE. ROOM 222

HARRIS WOFFORD
PENNSYLVANIA

HARRISBURG OFFICE
FEDERAL SQUARE STATION
P.O. Box 55
HARRISBURG, PA 17108
(717) 233-5849

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-3803

March 29, 1993

PRD
92-235

2036

Lauren J. Belvin
Acting Director
Federal Communication Commission
1919 M. Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 10554

Dear Ms. Belvin,

The attached correspondence from George Burns and his son is submitted for your consideration, and to ask that the points raised therein be reviewed.

If you will advise me in writing of your action in this matter and have the letter returned to me with your reply, I will be most appreciative.

In responding, please direct the reply to: Senator Harris Wofford, Federal Square Station, P.O. Box 55, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17108. Please mark the reply to the attention of Joan Harms, Staff Assistant.

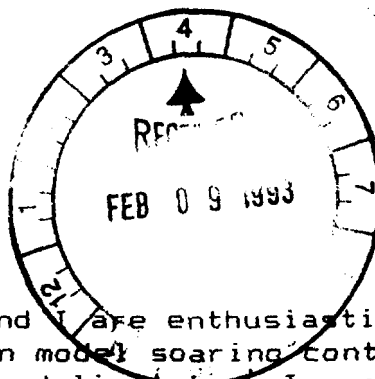
Sincerely,


Harris Wofford

HW/hbg/jph
enci.

The Honorable Harris Wofford
228 Walnut Street
Harrisburg, PA 17101

January 30, 1993



Dear Senator Wofford:

My nine year old son Christopher and I are enthusiastic model airplane builders and flyers. We compete in model soaring contests all over the East Coast. I have been active in modeling since I was a child. My son, who is extremely competitive, has been flying since he was six years old. I am president of the LIFT club of York and immediate past treasurer of the Harrisburg Area Flying Society. Both of these clubs actively promote model aviation and sponsor various community activities in pursuit of our hobby.

Recently it has come to my attention that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is proposing rulemaking which will dramatically impact on my use of existing radio equipment. The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, this new rulemaking will greatly reduce the usability of radio frequencies assigned for model use. The proposed rulemaking will likely increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes. This implementation of the rulemaking is unnecessary as there are many viable options which do not encroach on or jeopardize existing users of the affected frequencies.

Specifically, model aircraft operate on the 72-76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our assigned frequencies are far enough apart from other users that frequency interference has not been a problem.

The FCC proposal is to establish additional land mobile frequencies by splitting the existing channels into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. The bottom line on this proposal is that the new frequencies will be too close to our existing radio control bands. The FCC does not see this as a problem because their frame of reference to